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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A catastrophic event survival structure comprising:
a monolithic concrete outer shell comprising a unitary jointless body formed from a single pour of concrete and substantially enclosing a confined inner space therein, having a generally spherical polyhedron geometry, said monolithic concrete outer shell further comprising reinforcement members embedded therein and having at least one open section extending therethrough, but otherwise defining a substantially enclosed interior space; and
~~said monolithic outer shell configured as a generally spherical polyhedron structured to withstand substantial wind and projectile impact forces thereupon, and~~
at least one entryway door formed in said monolithic outer shell and configured in sealing engagement with said at least one open section to provide rescalable access to said confined inner substantially enclosed interior space.

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Claim 2 (currently amended): A catastrophic event survival structure as recited in claim 1, further comprising handle means fixedly secured to said monolithic concrete outer shell to facilitate movement of said catastrophic event survival structure.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A catastrophic event survival structure as recited in claim 1, wherein said handle means further comprises a plurality of spaced horizontally-disposed rods in spaced-apart relation to each other and extending through embedded in said monolithic concrete outer shell.

Claim 4 (canceled)

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Claim ~~5~~ (currently amended): A catastrophic event survival structure as recited in claim 1, further ~~including~~ comprising elevating means engaging said survival structure and configured to maintain said monolithic concrete outer shell a ~~predetermined~~ distance above a ground survival structure-supporting surface.

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Claim ⁵6 (currently amended): A catastrophic event survival structure as recited in claim 5, wherein said elevating means further comprise a plurality of legs supporting secured to said monolithic concrete outer shell.

Claims 7-16 (canceled)

Claims 17-20 (previously withdrawn)
